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GOV. EASLEY APPOINTS MURRAY TO STATEWIDE INDEPENDENT LIVING COUNCIL

RALEIGH – Gov. Mike Easley has appointed **Michael Murray** of Greensboro to the North Carolina Statewide Independent Living Council.

Murray is the advocacy coordinator for Beyond Academics. He is a former member of the Youth Advisory Committee for the National Council on Disability and current president of the N.C. Youth Network. Murray received a degree in special education from UNC at Greensboro.

The council serves in an advisory capacity on issues relating to services for persons with disabilities, especially independent living programs and services. The council jointly develops and submits a state plan in conjunction with the state unit. The council also monitors, reviews and evaluates the implementation of the state plan. There are 25 members on the board, each serving a three-year term. The governor appoints all members.

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